# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DISINVESTMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5174
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DISINVESTMENT OF BSNL AND MTNL
BALIRAM

**Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are contemplating disinvestment in the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the estimated value of the assets of the above mentioned companies as on March 31, 2001?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b) There is no proposal for disinvestment in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.However, the Government had in July, 1999 accorded approval to the disinvestment of upto 19 million of Government`s shares in MTNL through an institutional offerings in GDR/domestic market. This GDR issue has not taken place. There is no decision for further disinvestment in MTNL.

(c) In view of above, question does not arise.